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13.(Once Amended) The expression vector of claim 12, wherein the nucleic acid comprises a nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1 that encodes mature AL-2l, a nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3 that encodes mature AL-2s, or a nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 that encodes AL2 extracellular domain [nucleotide sequence encoding the amino acid sequence for mature AL-2 is that shown in Figure 1A-1B or Figure 2A-2B].

14.(Once Amended) A host cell transformed with the expression vector of claim [11] 12.

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15.(Once Amended) The host cell of claim 14, wherein the [nucleotide sequence encodes the amino acid sequence for mature AL-2 shown in Figure 1A-1B or Figure 2A-2B] vector comprises a nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1 that encodes mature AL-2l, a nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3 that encodes mature AL-2s, or a nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 that encodes AL2 extracellular domain

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17.(Once Amended) A process which comprises transforming a host cell with an expression vector of claim 12 capable, in the host cell transformed with the vector, of expressing a nucleotide sequence that encodes a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence [shown in Figure 1A-1B or Figure 2A-2B] for mature AL-2 or AL-2 extracellular domain, and culturing the transformed host cell under conditions such that the AL-2 polypeptide is synthesized.

Please add the following claims:

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40. The isolated nucleic acid of claim 3, comprising a nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1 that encodes mature AL-2l, a nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3 that encodes mature AL-2s, or a nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 that encodes AL2 extracellular domain.

REMARKS

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